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Dr. L. H. Davis telephoned me today and gave me the following information with respect to information in the Research and Development Department's files on ventilation. He advised me that the Manufacturing Department's files over eight years old had been destroyed.

Dr. Davis' notebook for May 31, 1949 indicates that on that date he tested SPUD cigarettes with three holes in the crown. He has now been informed by E. J. Schaaf and E. M. Powers who were then superintendent and plant manager, that a die was made in the Philip Morris shop to put holes in the crown.

There is in the file, a letter dated May 13, 1949 from the patent law firm of Penny, Edmonds, Morton and Brown, 247 Park Avenue, New York City, to Mr. Greenwald giving him information on the patent situation with respect to ventilated cigarettes. The letter stated that there were a number of foreign patents on ventilated cigarettes. It also stated that some years ago there had been on the market, cigarettes under the brand names of Airflow and Airet, which contained ventilating holes. It is mentioned that this enterprise failed for lack of adequate financing.

There is also a report in the file dated June 23, 1949 from Dr. Chester Snell of the Foster D. Snell Laboratories to Mr. Greenwald, reporting on tests of the smoking temperature of two cartons of SPUD, one with the ventilating holes in the crown and one without.

Mr. Britton has now told Dr. Davis that it is his belief that Mr. Ames requested Mr. Britton to make the SPUD cigarettes for these tests. It is Dr. Davis' conclusion that the only SPUD cigarettes so made were made for the testing purposes of the Research Department and Dr. Snell, and that no SPUD cigarettes with the ventilating device were sold on the market.

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